

# OCCUPY DEMOCRACY

## PARLIAMENT SQUARE

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

(on the eve of the tuc demonstration against austerity)

The government's imposition of austerity has no democratic mandate. Nobody voted for:

- NHS PRIVATISATION
- TRIPLING OF TUITION FEES
- BEDROOM TAX
- BENEFIT CUTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- IMPOSITION OF A POLLUTING FRACKING INDUSTRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

JOIN US IN A MASS OCCUPATION OF PARLIAMENT SQUARE FROM 17 OCTOBER TO DEMAND REAL DEMOCRACY THAT WORKS FOR THE 99%, NOT JUST A TINY THE WEALTHY ELITE.

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# REAL DEMOCRACY NOW!

PARLIAMENT SQUARE - FROM 17<sup>TH</sup> OCT

We didn't vote for savage public service cuts, NHS privatisation, the Bedroom Tax, massive hikes in tuition fees, or the fracking of our countryside and communities.

It is becoming clear that our political system favours banks, corporations and the very rich.

Politics can't deal with the consequences of the social and economic crisis created by this favouritism. Ordinary people are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. Fuel poverty is deepening as energy prices rise eight times faster than our wages.

Nobody voted for this, and most of us strongly oppose it. Our votes, so hard won by the struggles of previous generations, have little value if politicians ignore the population they're supposed to serve. The current situation is an insult to democracy!

We need real democracy. We need a sane, unifying vision of an inspiring alternative that people can actually believe in - and which is within our grasp if enough of us have the courage to stand up for it.

Surely most of us would choose a better, happier, less destructive world if it were up to us? Democracy is supposed to mean just that - it is up to us! We have to shrug off the notion that 'There Is No Alternative'. If enough of us come together to demonstrate that we want and are committed to building a better world, we'll have a movement that can make the apparently impossible... inevitable!

We want to open up a democratic space that will unite a wide range of people, groups and struggles; a space where we can pool our work, resources and collective strengths.

We are calling for an Occupation of Parliament Square from Friday October 17th - this is the 3rd Anniversary of the Global Occupy movement, the eve of the TUC march against austerity, and the same week as Reclaim Power, a global week of actions against the fossil fuel industry.

Join us to demand a genuinely democratic government free from corporate control. If not us, who? If not now, when...?